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For:	QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR DETECTION	)	
	OF NEWLY SYNTHESIZED RNA IN A CELL-FREE	)	
	SYSTEM AND IDENTIFICATION OF RNA	)	
	SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.